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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: ELECTIONS

UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. IN RESPONSE INQUIRIES FROM DEPT. FOLLOWING LATEST  
ON ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN UNESCO EXBD.

2. THREE CANDIDATES AT PRESENT, WINTER, JAMAICA,  
BETANCOUR MEHIJA I. COLUMBIA AND TODAROFF, BULGARIA.  
OF THREE WINTER SEEMS HAVE MOST SUPPORT. UK AND FRG  
ARE ACTIVELY PROMOTING WINTER. ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT EN-  
DORSED BY LATIN AMERICAN GROUP THIS MAY HAVE RESULTED  
FROM BIAS AGAINST CARIBBEANS. WINTER APPEARED NOT TO  
HAVE SUPPORT HIS GOVERNMENT. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH  
UK INDICATE GOV. JAMAICA NOW SEEMS PREPARED SUPPORT  
WINTER. PERSONAL ANIMOSITY BETWEEN WINTER AND JAMAICAN  
AMB. MARSH HAVE INTERFERED BUT WE NOW UNDERSTAND AMB.  
JAMAICA BEING DIRECTED PROVIDE SUPPORT AND IS HOSTING  
SMALL LUNCH NEXT WEEK FOR WINTER.

3. ON FIRST BALLOT, SECRET BALLOT. LIKELY WINTER AND  
MEHIJA WILL BE CLOSE WITH WINTER SLIGHTLY AHEAD, MEHIJA  
CLOSE SECOND AND TODAROFF CLOSE THIRD. AT THIS POINT  
EXPECTED TODAROFF TO WITHDRAW AND THROW SOCIALIST VOTES

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TO WINTER. THIS WOULD MAKE WINTER WIN AND BE OBVIOUS

PLOY INCUR OBLIGATION.

4. OF TWO, WINTER IS STRONGER PERSON AND BETTER PARLIAMENTARIAN. MEHIJA IS COMPETENT AND WOULD CERTAINLY BE ACCEPTABLE TO US. HE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL. HOWEVER, ON SEVERAL KEY OCCASIONS WINTER HAS ARRANGED COMPROMISES WHICH HAVE BEEN TO OUR INTEREST. HE WAS PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN ARRANGING THE ULTIMATE RESULT OF OUR EFFORT JOIN EUROPEAN REGION AND HE HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN TRYING TO PERSUADE ARABS TO COMPROMISE ON JERUSALEM.

5. THEREFORE, WE ARE IN A DILEMMA BETWEEN FRIENDS. SUGGEST NO COMMITMENT BE MADE AT THIS TIME. POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR ONE RECEIVING LESS VOTES ON FIRST OR SECOND BALLOT TO WITHDRAW IN FAVOR OF OTHER AND SO PREVENT SOVIETS FROM SWINGING ELECTION. DEPT. MAY WISH QUERY EMB. KINGSTON LEARN WHETHER GOVT. JAMAICA IN FACT ACTIVELY SUPPORTING WINTER. ONE POSSIBLE OUT MAY BE TO COMMIT OUR VOTE ONLY TO FIRST BALLOT AND THEN VOTE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PROMOTE MOST LIKELY WINNER.  
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